RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT U.S. APPLN. NO. 10/516,456

REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 6, 2005, Applicant has properly designated the status of the claims.

Applicant is submitting herewith a corrected "AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS" section of the December 3, 2004 Preliminary Amendment wherein the status identifier of claim 17 is correctly stated as "(currently amended)". This corrected section is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and all of the claims are now provided with the proper status identifiers. Entry and consideration of these claim amendments are now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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